

I.C.P.O. Bulletin

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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"

Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)

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24/04/2015: Goran, S5500 reports that he will be QRV as 9H300 from the island of Malta (IOTA EU-023, MIA MM-001, Grid Loc. JM75) between 24 April and 2 May 2015. Activity will be holiday style on 40-6 metre CW, SSB and Digital modes. Flexradio 3000 and some wires. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. Log will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. [DxCoffee]

24/04/2015: Victor, R6AF is currently active on the HF bands as 9M2/R6AF/p from Redang Island (IOTA AS-073, WW Loc. OJ15ms), Terengganu State, Malaysia until 29th April. The log will be daily updated on the Club Log. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. For direct QSL exchange Club Log QQRS option is preferred. [VE3VHB]

24/04/2015: Info received from Jean-Michel F6AJA and Bernard F9IE: Lionel FS5PL will be on Tintamarre Island (IOTA NA-199, DIF0 FS-002) starting from 2200z Friday 24th April until 26th April. No other information provided so far. QSL direct to: Lionel Phalier, 241 Parc de la Baie Orientale, 97150 St Martin, France. [F6AJA]

24/04/2015: Chris VK3QB, Luke VK3HJ, Roy VK3GB and Oly VK3XDX/5 plan new activity as VK9NT from the Pacific Palms Lodge, Norfolk Island (OC-005, WLOTA 1469, WWFF VKFF-392, WW Loc. RG30XX), between 24th April and 4th May 2015. They plan to operate on 160-10 metre SSB and CW only. No Digital or 6m activity is planned. QSL either OQRS (Club Log), ARRL LoTW, Direct or via the VK QSL Bureau to VK2CA. Further information and updates on their website at: vk9nt.odxg.org/vk9nt2015/ [DX-World]

25/04/2015: Members of the Amateur Radio Association of Praia da Vitoria (CQ1AR) will activate the Santa Catarina Fortress (F-121/AZ-010, WCA CT-00337, Grid Loc. HM68), Cabo da Praia, located on Terceira Island (EU-175, DIP AZ-003, PIP AC-003, WLOTA 0524), Azores archipelago, on 25th April, using the callsign CQ1R. Operators Sergio CU3AAS, Francisco CU3AU, Ivo CU3BR, Francisco CU3FB, Carlos CU3FT and Ricardo CR8ABH will be QRV on 80-20 metre SSB (possibly 6 metres and CW). QSL DIRECT ONLY: P.O. Box 114, 9760 Praia da Vitoria, Terceira, Azores. Also e-confirmation via QRZ.com logbook (No Bureau). [CQ1AR]

25/04/2015: Weather permitting on Saturday 25th April, Christophe F4FYU/p will activate the Castle of Pibrac (DFCF 31-039) 2 pavilions and a fountain. QRV mainly on 80 and 40 metres. Further information can be found on QRZ.com under F4FYU. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [radioamateur.org]

25/04/2015: Francois, F5JNE/p (UFT-045) will be in the commune of Grand-Champ on Saturday 25th April and plans to activate the Manor Kerlegen (DFCF 56-092, WW Loc. IN87NS). QTR/QRG and normal modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [radioamateur.org]

25/04/2015: Alain, F6CUG/p will be in the commune of Noves on Saturday 25th April and plans to activate the Castle of Roure (DFCF 13-066, WCA F-06108) and Mill (DMF 13-012). Activity will be on 80 and 40 metres. QSL via home

call, bureau or direct. [radioamateur.org]

25/04/2015: Look for Shane, VK3UUI who now lives on Phillip Island (OC-136, WW Loc. QF22ks), VIC, Australia, to be active on 25th April 2015 on the HF bands. He is doing an IOTA activation to mark the Centenary of the ANZAC landing at Galipoli. QSL via VK3UUI (QRZ.com) and LoTW. [rsgbiota.org]

25/04/2015: Col, MM0NDX will be active holiday-style from the Cayman Islands (NA-016, WLOTA 1042) as ZF2CI (callsign is pending) between April 25 to May 2, 2015. QRV on 160-10m, SSB only. He also plans to be active as ZF8/ZF2CI from Little Cayman (NA-016, WLOTA 1490) and ZF9/ZF2CI from Cayman Brac (NA-016, WLOTA 0667) sometime during his stay. QSL via IW7EGQ. [DX-World]

26/04/2015: Kilmarnock and Loudoun ARC will be active from the isle of Muck (IOSA NH06, SCOTIA DI18, WAB NM48, WW Loc. IO66UU), Inner Hebrides (EU-008), as MM0KLR between 26th April and 2nd May, 2015. Operators include Graham MM0GHM, Allan 2M0VNW, Arthur MM0DHQ, Allan GM3OZB, Gordon GM7WCO, Jason GM7VSB and Paul GM0PJD. QRV on 160m to 2m including 60m. QSL via Bureau or eQSL to MM0KLR. QSL direct to MM0GHM. Website: www.qrz.com/db/mm0klr [rsgbiota.org]

27/04/2015: Yasu, JH2DFJ, will once again be active as T88DF from the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror Island, Republic of Palau (OC-009, WW Loc. PJ77FI) between 27th April 1st May. Activity will be on the HF bands and 50 MHz to 135 MHz using CW, SSB, RTTY, SSTV, WSPR and JT65A. QSL via his home call, direct, bureau, LoTW and eQSL. [OPDX Bulletin]

27/04/2015: Operators Imam, YB4IR and Din, YB8RW will be active as YB4IR/8 and YB8RW/p from Lucipara Island (IOTA OC-274) between 27th April and 1st May. QRV on 40-10 metre CW and SSB. QSL YB4IR/8 via home call, direct, bureau, LoTW or Club Log OQRS. QSL YB8RW/p via home call, direct or Club Log OQRS - Please, NO bureau QSLs. [OPDX Bulletin]

29/04/2015: Operators Junichi JH3AEF, Tatsuo JA3ARJ, Jusei JA3IVU and Kunio JH3LSS will be active as A52AEF, A52ARJ, A52IVU and A52LSS, respectively, from the Dochula resort (3150m asl), Bhutan, from 29th April until 6th May 2015. Activity will be on 80-6 metre Phone, CW and Digital modes. Power will be 200W max, using 2 element yagi (20m-10m), HEX-6 (20m-6m), Loop(15m), Wire DP (40m), Long Wire (80, 40, 30m and 160m if possible). QSL A52AEF via JH3AEF direct or bureau. QSL A52ARJ via JA3ARJ direct only. QSL A52IVU via JA3IVU direct or bureau. QSL A52LSS via JH3LSS LoTW, direct or bureau. [DX-World]

29/04/2015: Makoto, JI5RPT will be active once again as JD1BLY from Chichi-jima (AS-031, WLOTA 2269, WWFF JAFF-018), Tokyo pref. (JCG-10007), Ogasawara, between 29th April and 5th May. He plans to be QRV on 40-6 metre CW, SSB and Digital modes. QSL via home callsign JI5RPT. Logsearch will be on his web site at: www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/ [NG3K]

30/04/2015: Look for Clubstations DL0DFF and DK0RZ (DOK E39 - DARC OV Ratzeburg) to be QRV on all bands and modes from the island of Hooe [Hallig Hooe] (EU-042, DID/GIA N-22) from 30th April until 3rd May 2015. Their QTH will be Ockenswarft, in the district of Nordfriesland, Germany. Operators include Siggi DL3HBZ, Lothar DL8HAL, Steve DJ7AO, Frank DF6LPC, Uli DJ9IE and Ben DB2LS. The island of Hooe is part of the National Park and Nature Reserve Schleswig-Holstein Wadden Sea (WWFF DLFF-013). QSL DL0DFF and DK0RZ via the DARC Bureau (preferred way). If direct QSL is required DL0DFF goes via DL3HBZ and DK0RZ via DL5HAQ. [rsgbiota.org]

30/04/2015: Dave, GM0LVI plans activity as GM0LVI/p from the Isle of Barra (IOSA OH11, SCOTIA HI02), Outer Hebrides (IOTA EU-010) from 30th April until 9th May, 2015. This will be a QRP operation on the HF bands using KX3, various GPs and a Buddistick. QSL to home call, via the bureau or direct and LoTW. [rsgbiota.org]

01/05/2015: Operators John SV1GE, George SV2BRT, Gianni SV2FPU, Takis SV2FWV, Georgia (YL) SV1QXU, Vangelis SV2RJV and Dimitris SV2RMK will be active as J49TSL from the resort village of Georgioupoli, island of Crete (EU-015, GIOTA KRS-005, MIA MGC-005, WLOTA 1400, WW Loc. KM25di) from 1-10 May 2015. Plans are to be QRV on 80-6 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via SV2DGH, bureau, direct (Christos Sfyris, P.O.Box 4200, 57019 Perea, Thermaikos, Thessaloniki, Greece - Hellas) with SAE + sufficient postage and LoTW. Further information and updates at: www.qsl.net/s/sv2dgh/j49tsl/ [rsgbiota.org]

01/05/2015: Joe, K5KUA will once again be active from Galveston Island (NA-143, USi TX-001S), Galveston county, Texas, as K5KUA/5 from 1-3 May, 2015. Active on 40-10 metre CW only, as time permits. Log will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log. [rsgbiota.org]

01/05/2015: Murilo PY2DS (leader/Manager), Marcelo PY2AE, Joao PU2KKE, Flavio PU2KFL and William PU2XIZ will be active from Cambriu Island (IOTA SA-024, DIB SP-15), on 1-3 May 2015, as PW2C. QRV on all bands using SSB and CW. QSL via PY2DS. [DxCoffee]

LOOKING AHEAD -

02/05/2015: Belgian members of the UBA section DST (Diest) Dominic ON4AZP, Lode ON6KL, Cois ON6VP, Herman ON7FH and Maurice ON7KS will be active as TM0D from Bell-Ile-en-mer (EU-048, DIFM AT-015, WLOTA 0872, WW Loc. IN7ji) from 2 until 7 May 2015. QRV mainly on the IOTA meeting frequency 14.260 MHz, but also the other HF amateur bands will be activated. QSL via Rik ON3HO and LoTW. [rsgbiota.org]

09/05/2015: Dan, N8YSZ will be active from Long Island (NA-001, WLOTA 1898), Bahamas, as C6ASZ between 9-16th May. QRV holiday style on 40-10 metres with focus on SSB and Digital modes. QSL via home call, LoTW and bureau preferred. [DX-World]

09/05/2015: Bruce, K5TEN plans activation of Dog Island (IOTA NA-085, USi FL-005S, Grid Loc. EL79), Franklin county, Florida, as K5TEN/4 from 9th May until 16th May. QRV on 40-2 metre SSB and CW using Icom i706 MK II and various antennas. Bruce says: "expect mostly SSB on 40m thru 2m. Contest style pile-ups and exchanges as there will be little time to chat. PLEASE spot me on internet spotting sites as I do not self spot." QSL USA: direct (see QRZ.com), SASE required. QSL DX: direct \$2US + SAE or bureau. NO LoTW or eQSL for this event. [rsgbiota.org]

09/05/2015: Members of VERON section 54 will activate the special callsign PA05MILL during the National Mills Weekend (9-10 May). This will be the 5th activation of the Windmill 'the Old Mill' at Oudemolen, The Netherlands. A special QSL will be issued via the bureau to all contacts made. Further details and information on the relevant award can be found at: a54.veron.nl/content/pa05mill.html [PA1BR]

11/05/2015: Look for special event station PA125VVG to be activated, on all HF / VHF bands and in different modes, by VERON section 54 between 11th May and 7th June, 2015. This occasion will celebrate the Vincent van Gogh Year 2015 - 125 years Vincent van Gogh. For all QSO's with the special call

PA125VVG a special QSL card will be sent via the QSL bureau. e-QSL and LoTW will not be used. Further details and information on the Vincent Van Gogh Award can be found at: a54.veron.nl/content/pa125vvg.html [PA1BR]

19/05/2015: Peter (VK3FN) as P40FN, Chris (VK3FY) as P40FY and David (K3LP) as P40DC will be active from the P49V rental shack (Cook's Radio Retreat) located in Oranjestad, island of Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA 0033, WW Loc. FK42xn) between 19-26th May. QRV on 160-6 metre CW, SSB and Digital modes. QSL all calls via M00X0 - bureau requests ONLY via Club Log QQRS. [VK3FN]

23/05/2015: Pasi, OH3WS again plans activity from Market Reef (EU-053, WWFF OHFF-0038) and lighthouse (ARLHS MAR-001, WLOTA 0542, Admiralty C4472) as OJ0W between 23-32 May, 2015. QRV during his spare time on 40-10 metre CW and SSB. QSL to home call via bureau by request or direct (QRZ.com). "I get too many QSLs back with label 'not member' so only by request via bureau." [DX-World]

28/05/2015: Look for Andy, DL3YM to be active holiday style as DL3YM/VP9 from Hamilton Parish, island of Bermuda (IOTA NA-005, WLOTA 0201), between 28th May and 1st June 2015. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [ATDX]

03/06/2015: From 3-12 June 2015, Tom DJ6TF, Manfred DK1BT, Sigi DL7DF and Frank DL7UFR will be active from Tasiilaq [formerly Ammassalik], Sermersooq municipality on the southeast coast of Ammassalik Island (IOTA NA-151, WW Loc. HP15eo). QRV as OX/homecalls on 160-6 metre CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. They will operate on 6m with a FT857D and 5 element yagi. QSL all calls via DL7DF, direct or DARC bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW within 6 months after the DXpedition. Information and updates can be found on their website at: www.dl7df.com/ox/index.php [DX-World]

25/07/2015: Grupo Curva do Rio [CDR Group] will be active in the RSGB IOTA Contest (25-26 July) as PW2G from Ilha dos Gatos (IOTA SA-071, WW Loc. GG76de), Sao Paulo State, Brazil. Operators include Billy PY2LCD, Marcelo PY2AE, Edgar PU2TYA and Carlos PY2VM. QSL via bureau, LoTW or direct (SAE + 1 IRC or 2 GS) to PY2LCD (QRZ.com). Further information and updates at: www.qrz.com/db/pw2g [ATDX]

01/09/2015: Chas, NK80 is returning to Mwanza, on Lake Victoria, Tanzania later this year and hopes to be active as 5H3CP during September 2015. He is a CW, QRP and straight key operator. QRV times will depend on his work responsibilities and schedule at the Nyakato Health Center. QSL via EA7FTR and LoTW. [DX-World]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

24/04/2015: Radio Amateurs from Armenia, members of FRRA, will be active on 24th April 2015 with special call EK100 in Commomeration of 100 years of Armenian Genocide. They will operate on HF Bands. QSL direct to: P.O. Box 22, 0002, Yerevan, Armenia. Website: dxnews.com/ek100-100-armenian-genocide/ [ATDX]

24/04/2015: The Amateur Radio Section of ORF (Austrian Broadcasting Corporation) and the Documentary Archive Radio Communications/QSL Collection will operate, for 72 hours only, a special event station with the callsign OE15M on Friday, 24th April - Sunday, 26th April (00:00-24:00 UTC). OE15M is an official "International Marconi Day" station. Contacts made on Saturday, April 25th, are valid for the IMD Award (see IMD-Info - g4usb.net/IMD/imd-2015/). QSL by the Bureau QSL to OE1WHC. [OPDX Bulletin]

24/04/2015: This year is the 30th anniversary of the Union Francaise des Telegraphistes (UFT) and the special callsign TM30UFT will be aired between 12-26th April 2015. Activity will be on the HF and VHF bands, usually CW only. Operators include Bruno F5AGB, Andre F5AKL, Clo F5JER (YL), Paul F5JSQ, Didier F5JVP, Maurice F5NQL, Laurent F5PBM, Francis F5QF, Antoine F5RAB, Evi F5RPB (YL), Jean-Pierre F6AJM, Ghislain F6CEL, Alain F6ENO, Tony F8ATS and Jean-Claude F9IQ, All the QSOs will be automatically confirmed via the French REF Bureau (only this one). SWL cards follow the same way. Direct QSLs go via Gerard F6ICG, w/SAE and 1 IRC or 2 \$USD (QRZ.com information is OK). [F5NQL]

25/04/2015: The Hornsby and District Amateur Club (HADARC) will be activating the International Marconi Day (25 April) this year under a special event station of AX2IMD instead of the usual (VK2IMD). This year International Marconi Day falls on ANZAC Day. The station will be operated on a roster basis from individual Amateur residences in the Hornsby District. Bob, VK2KAZ will be co-ordinating, participating and overseeing the roster.

25/04/2015: Carteret County Amateur Radio Society members Joe W03F, Keith KK4PLI, Pete W3ENK and Sterling N4WKG will be active as N4F on 25-26th April from Fort Macon State Park, Bogue Banks, Carteret county, North Carolina. Three events this weekend - North Carolina Science Day, Fort Macon On The Air and Bouge Banks [aka Emerald Island] (NA-112, USi NC-010S). QSL direct to W4YMI. Website: www.w4ymi.com/ [rsqbiota.org]

25/04/2015: The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) was a First World War army corps of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force that was formed in Egypt in 1915 and operated during the Battle of Gallipoli. Special callsign VK100ANZAC will be in use between 25 April and 20 December "for significant event dates covering all conflicts where Australian forces have been involved from WW1". State and Territory special callsigns (VI1ANZAC, VI2ANZAC, VI3ANZAC, etc) are available on a roster basis until the conclusion of the WIA Remembrance Day contest (15-16 August). Complete information on the ANZAC centenary commemoration can be found on the Wireless Institute of Australia's website at: www.wia.org.au/newsevents/anzaccenary/about/ [425 DX News]

25/04/2015: Commemorating the centenary of the Battle of Gallipoli and the formation of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC), special callsign ZL100ANZAC will be active from 25 April for one month. It will be used by several ZL operators from their own QTHs. QSL via ZL3PAH, direct or bureau (preferably through the OQRS provided by Club Log) and LoTW. [425 DX News]

27/04/2015: Celebrated on 27th April 2015, Koningsdag (King's Day) marks the birth of King Willem-Alexander and is a national holiday in the Kingdom of the Netherlands. This year's main celebrations will be held in the city of Dordrecht, and a team of local operators is active as PA2015KDD until 12th May (www.pa2015kdd.nl). QSL via bureau; direct cards should be sent to PI4DEC. [425 DX News]

01/05/2015: Between 1st and 31st of May 2015 Bulgarian Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP), Voynyagovo, Bulgaria, will use the special callsign LZ102SIB which has been created in honour of Saint Ioan Bogoslov. LZ102SIB counts for "All Saints" award and 10 points towards "St. Teodosii Tyrnovski" award. QSL via Bureau or P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. [QRZ.com]

01/05/2015: ISWL CLUB CALLSIGNS

The ISWL Club Callsigns in use throughout the month of May 2015 are:

GX4BJC /A - Operated from Eastbourne, in East Sussex, by Peter - G0NQZ. (/A WAB Square = TQ50 - England, IOTA = EU-005, WLOTA = 1841).

MX1SWL /A - Operated from Clacton on Sea, in Essex, by George G1IPU. (/A WAB Square = TM11 - England, IOTA = EU-005, WLOTA = 1841). George will also operate as MX1SWL /P during the month and will give his WAB square if requested.

ALL QSL's for BOTH Calls will be handled by Herbie G6XOU and NOT the individual Operator.

The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club.

All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk/ or www.qrz.com/ or via www.eQSL.cc/ NO LOTW.

I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's - see www.iswl.org.uk/ for full details. eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for our awards.

Very best wishes to all and have a great Month.

Pete Rayer, ISWL Life Vice President, Bournemouth, UK.

01/05/2015: The Cunard vessel RMS Lusitania was torpedoed and sank off the Old Head of Kinsale Ireland on the 7th May 1915. The Radio Officers Association ROARS will be running a month long event from the 1st - 31st May 2015 to commemorate the sinking of this vessel from the Planet Light Vessel currently berthed in Canning Dock Liverpool England. This once in life time event will be using the call sign GB100MFA, MFA being the call letters allocated to the Lusitania. The QTH of Liverpool was chosen as this was the Lusitania's registered port, and her final destination. It is hoped that two stations will be active and therefore both CW and SSB can be catered for on ALL BANDS depending upon conditions and staffing levels. QSL direct via G0UVX QTHR. [G3ZRJ]

01/05/2015: The year 2015 is a major milestone in the history of the International Telecommunication Union. On 17 May 2015 the world will be celebrating 150 years since the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). TCSWAT celebrates this milestone with the special callsign TC150ITU between 1-30 May, 2015. Activity will be on all HF bands and the logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. You do not need to send a QSL card back unless otherwise it is noted on your QSL card. Be patient as TCSWAT QSLs 100% via the working QSL Bureaus. Website: www.qrz.com/db/TC150ITU [TCSWAT]

U.S.A. Special Event Stations can be found at:

www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

24/04-02/05 9H300: Malta Island WLOTA:1113 QSL S5500 (B)

24/04-04/05 VK9NT: Norfolk Island WLOTA:1469 QSL VK2AN (d/B)

25/04 CQ1R: Ilha Terceira WLOTA:0524 QSL CQ1AR (d)

25/04-02/05 ZF2CI: Grand Cayman Island WLOTA:1042 QSL IW7EGQ

25/04-02/05 ZF8/ZF2CI: Little Cayman Island WLOTA:1490 QSL IW7EGQ

25/04-02/05 ZF9/ZF2CI: Cayman Brac WLOTA:0667 QSL IW7EGQ

25/04-25/05 ZL100ANZAC: New Zealand (South) WLOTA:0342 QSL ZL3PAH (d/B)

29/04-05/05 JD1BLY: Chichi Shima WLOTA:2269 QSL JI5RPT (d/B)

01/05-31/05 GB100MFA: Enland (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL G0UVX (d)

01/05-31/05 GX4BJC/A: Enland (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL G6XOU (d/B)

01/05-10/05 J49TSL: Nisos Kriti WLOTA:1400 QSL SV2DGH (d/B)

01/05-31/05 MX1SWL/A: Enland (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL G6XOU (d/B)

01/05-31/05 MX1SWL/P: Enland (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL G6XOU (d/B)

6 METRES & UP -

24/04-02/05 9H300: Malta EU-023 Grid:JM75 6m CW/SSB QSL S5500 (B)
24/04-27/04 GB4MBC: Flatholm EU-124 Grid:IO81 Satellite QSL MW0DHF (d/B)
25/04-26/04 European EME Contest CW/SSB/1.2GHz 25 0000z-26 2400z
25/04 FISTS Two Metre Activitiy FISTS/NON-FISTS 1500z-1600z
26/04 FISTS Two Metre Activitiy FISTS/NON-FISTS 1000z-1100z
26/04-02/05 MM0KLR: Isle of Muck EU-008 Grid:IO66uu 6m/2m QSL Buro
28/04 RSGB 50MHz UKAC SO/Fixed/Open 1900z-2130z
28/04 LY 2.4GHz & Up Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1700z-2059z
28/04 NRAU Microwave Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1700z-2100z
28/04 The 50MHz Open Cumulative SO/MO/LP/MP/HP 1700z-2100z
28/04 RSGB SHF UKAC SO/Fixed/Open 1900z-2130z
29/04 Spring VHF/UHF 432MHz Sprint 1900-2300 Local time
01/05-31/05 EuCW Snakes & Ladders Activity (2) 6m-2m classes
01/05-10/05 J49TSL: Crete EU-015 Grid:KM25 6m CW/SSB/TTY QSL SV2DGH (d/B)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_apr.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal
"Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/

SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

16-April-2015

Hi all!

IOTA OC-244 DU3/YL3JM

IOTA OC-042 DU3/R7KW

for the November 2014 operations.

QSLs are finally printed.

Very sorry for the long delay!

Direct requests mailing has been started.

73! Rustam RU6K

QSLs via Bureau: 8J1ITU, D3AA, D64K, FG8NY, FS/DK5ON, FW5JJ, HB0/ON4WRC,
HB300K, HS0ZBS, J87GU, JW/DL5CW, JW8DW, OX5YL, PJ2/ON6DX, R20RRC/1 [EU-147],
RT9K/P [AS-109], T022C, V31TF, YB69RI, YE30P and ZD8N.

QSLs via Direct: 1A0C (OQRS), 3W2MAE (DL5MAE), 9M4SI (9M2YOT), 9Q0HQ
(I2YSB/OQRS), C5/M1KTA [AF-060] (H/c), EP6T (M0URX/OQRS), FT4TA [AF-031]
(F1NGP/OQRS), J3/SP3CFM (H/c), LA5SJA [EU-141] (cba), S79KB (DL2SBY/OQRS),
T30D (DL4SVA/OQRS), TC0MI [AS-201] (TA1ED), TX7G (N7SMI/OQRS), VP8DOZ
(ZL4DB), VP8RAF (G8FC), YJ0X (ZL3PAH/OQRS) and ZD8D (DL9H0).

QSLs via LoTW: 7X0DX, 9A2KD, CX9AU, KC0W, L33M, NA4K, NA8V, PS70FEB, PX2X,
PY2DV, TA4/OG55W, UP44WFF, VA3DF, VA3GK0, VE3EJ, VE3FJ, VE3NB, VE3TW, VE9BK,
W8CAR, XQ1CR, XW1IC, Z39A and ZV2K.

BITS & PIECES -

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION

NCDXF announces major grant to KH5 Palmyra Atoll DXpedition

April 21, 2015

The Northern California DX Foundation is pleased to announce a contribution of \$20,000 to the KH5 Palmyra Atoll DXpedition planned for January 2016. Palmyra (KH5) is in the Top Ten Most Wanted and is #2 Most Wanted in Europe. See www.palmyra2016.org for more information.

Without major financial support from NCDXF, DXpeditions like this to challenging or rare locations would not be possible.

Within the last year, NCDXF has given \$175,000 in grants to operations in Iran, Andaman, Navassa, Eritrea, Tromelin, South Sandwich, South Georgia, Chesterfield, and Heard, all of which are in or near the Top Ten Most Wanted.

We have been doing this for the past 42 years, making rare DX happen and bringing fun to DXers everywhere. The credit for these large grants goes to the NCDXF contributors, individuals and clubs, who believe in supporting NCDXF.

Have you contributed yet?

73

Glenn Johnson, W0GJ

NCDXF Vice President

For Immediate Release

Press Release 4

April 23, 2015

TX3X - Chesterfield Islands 2015 DX-pedition (OC-176)

The TX3X project is progressing well. Eleven of the twelve team members met at the International DX Convention, Visalia. We are pleased to make several significant announcements.

On-Island Team:

Invariably, scheduling a DX-pedition requires team members to make commitments which sometimes conflict with unforeseen business / family activities. Joining the team:

- David Greenhut N6HD -

An active DXer and contester, David first earned his Novice license call WN6ICK in 1974, he now holds an Amateur Extra license. His amateur radio interests are DX, contesting and emergency communications. He enjoys building his amateur radio station, working new countries and serving the community. David's current station is an Icom 756 Pro III, Henry Amp., 4 element Steppir with a single 40 meter trombone element, 80 meter dipole, 160 meter series/shunt loaded 60 foot tower and various VHF/UHF equipment. Previous DX operations include: 2013 T33A Banaba Island, 2012 NH8S Swains Island, 2011 4X/N6HD, and TG7/N6HD - KH6/N6HD.

- Walt Wilson N6XG -

Walt is an experienced DX-peditioner and contester. His most recent DX-pedition was TX5K Clipperton Island. He was licensed as a Novice in 1959 as WV6HUR. His introduction to radio was a 40M dipole, single tube oscillator/transmitter and an entry level Heath receiver. He subsequently upgraded to WA6HUR and in the 80s to the call of N6XG. He is a member of the Northern California Contest Club.

Upon retirement he travelled and operated extensively throughout the world on vacation style DXpeditions. In 2001 he joined "Team Vertical" and has been on five DXpeditions to 6Y and 2 DXpeditions to C6.

Walt's current interests are contesting, physical fitness, travel, and business consulting. He lives in Los Altos Hills, CA with his wife

- Alan Maenchen AD6E -

First licensed in 1962 as WN6BID upgraded to General in 1963 and became WB6BID, was QRT for many years after high school. About 1980 regained interest in the hobby and bought a QRP rig, started chasing DX with 5W and a low dipole. Current station includes a K3, P3, Acom 2000, and another K3, TenTek Hercules II.

Member of the Northern California Contest Club, chairman of the California QSO Party (see www.cqp.org) for 10 years, and was initial chairman of the

CWops CW OPEN competition (www.cwops.org/cwopen.html).

DX operations include: AD6E/KH9, 4M7X, KH6, DL0MB, TI9M, K7C (Kure), P29NI, 3D2C (Conway), T33A. Alan lives in Hawaii.

News from our Corporate Sponsors:

- DX-Engineering -

Tim Duffy K3LR and the DX-Engineering team are donating a significant inventory of necessary equipment, including coax, RF connectors, power supplies, telescoping masts, and other essential equipment.

- N6BT.com -

Tom Schiller founder of N6BT.com is providing his Evolution Series of vertical antennas to the project. Tom's antennas have been used on many DX-peditions with excellent results.

- MicroHAM -

microHAM founder Jozef Urban OM7ZZ, and Joe Subich W4TV of microHAM USA, will loan 7 DigiKeyer II interface units. Along with our Lenovo T410 laptops and N1MM+ we'll have a fully integrated state-of-the-art networked logging environment.

- GM00BX -

Billy McFarland GM00BX donated custom made interface cable sets for the DigiKeyer II interface units. www.gm0obx.co.uk/online-shop/4584969897

- DX-University -

We are happy to have Wayne Mills N7NG and DX-University as a corporate sponsor.

Northern California DX Foundation -

In addition to their generous financial support, the NCDXF will loan us several sets of band pass filters.

- Array Solutions -

Jay Terleski WX0B is providing a Shared Apex Loop Antenna and offered other support, as required.

- 6 Meter Antenna -

We thank Istvan (Pista) Kolcsey HA0DU for providing a 7 element 6 meter beam.

We will announce additional corporate sponsors as agreements are completed.

Corporate sponsors are crucial to the success of a major DX-pedition.

Without their donations, equipment loans and technical support the project cost and complexity would increase dramatically. We appreciate their generosity and willingness to support our projects. All DXers and contesters owe these and our previously announced corporate sponsors and partners a big THANK YOU.

Please direct any questions to: [info\[@\]tx3x.com](mailto:info[@]tx3x.com)

Please see our website for additional information: tx3x.com

73,

Team Chesterfield 2015

600ES - SOMALIA

20-April-2015

UPDATE - All operation of 600ES have been put on hold due to a tragic terrorist attack in Garowe, Puntland, just few metres from the Ham Station, that has led to the loss of several United Nation Staff member of UNICEF.

Enrico, IV3SBE (also 5Z4ES) has recently been active from Garowe (Puntland State), Somalia as 600ES. By the time you read this he may already be back in Nairobi, Kenya. However it's understood Enrico has future plans to return to various locations within Puntland State.

Activity has been on HF bands, SSB. QSL manager T.B.A.

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA, ZW0FWA -
Celso Dias dos Santos - PU2WDX - SPECIAL ACTIVATION, ZW0FWA
Fernando de Noronha Island (SA-003)
QSL LOTW OR DIRECT (SAE + 1 IRC OR 3 GS). No eQSL.
Full info coming soon.. www.qrz.com/db/zw0fwa [ATDX]

WORLDWIDE FLORA & FAUNA (WWFF) -

4XFF:

New areas that have been added 18 April 2015 -

4XFF-001 by 4Z41DX and 4Z51ZV

4XFF-065 by 4Z42DX and 4Z52ZV

4XFF-075 by 4Z43DX and 4Z53ZV

4XFF-082 by 4Z45DX and 4Z55ZV

4XFF-108 by 4Z43DX and 4Z53ZV

4XFF-111 by 4Z44DX and 4Z54ZV

[Tnx Dov 4Z4DX and Zvi 4Z5ZV]

OEFF:

The Austrian award programme went live in mid-April. Awards are available on Bronze (5 confirmed references), Silver (10), Gold (20), and Platinum (44) levels. Further information at: oe4vie.com/ [DX Newsletter]

Z2, ZIMBABWE -

Gert, PA3CPG is currently active from Zimbabwe as Z21DX. QSL via home call. [ATDX]

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73 and Good DX!

Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ

Home of I.C.P.O. & VEFF Program: www.qsl.net/va3rj/

Note: My website is constantly updated and will often show activity that did not make it in time for the I.C.P.O. Bulletin, and last minute announcements. My DX Calendar page is a good place to start to find updated information between bulletins.

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